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On July 2, 2008 a Superior Court judge nullified several private security contracts totaling \$6.7 million the City awarded to bidders for security services at the Los Angeles Police Department dispatch center, the Griffith Park Observatory, City Hall East and several other municipal buildings.

The Judge ruled that the current contracts are illegal and void and ordered that no further payments be made. The Judge concluded that the bidding process for the contracts was inappropriate and violated City Charter competitive bidding requirements. Under this decree the General Services Department has until August 4 to procure either short or long-term replacement security forces to fill in for the voided contracts.

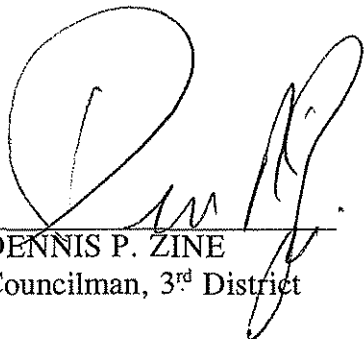
The challenge to these contracts came from a non-selected bidding firm which alleged that it was subjected to extra scrutiny by the city and ultimately denied a contract because of lobbying by the service workers' union during the review process.

Although City staff anticipate no interruption of services in that time, we need to a transition plan for security services.

Given the seriousness of this decision and the concerns it raises for continued security at our municipal facilities it is appropriate that the Council


I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney, the Department of General Services, and any other affected City Department be requested to report to the Council (in closed session if necessary) on the details and impacts of the July 2, 2008 Superior Court decision nullifying several private security contracts totaling \$6.7 million which the City awarded to bidders for security services at the Los Angeles Police Department dispatch center, the Griffith Park Observatory, City Hall East and several other municipal buildings. The report should include, specifically, whether any security services will be interrupted and whether the nullification of the contracts would expose the City to liability.

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